

April 29, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. via teleconference.

Present were:	Hugh Caffery, Chairman	Jake Giardina
	Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman	Francis Richard
	Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer	Barry Soudelier
	Chris Domangue	Lance Authement
	Ray Mayet	Eli Miles, Jr.
	Donald Schwab	Scott LeBlanc

Also present were: Ryan Perque, FOBL; Josh Bordelon; David Boudreaux, Delta Coast  
Barry Marionneaux, Attorney; Ben Malbrough, Executive Director  
Heather Armstrong, Administrative Assistant

Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell began the meeting at 4:04pm.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Donald Schwab to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of March 16, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Donald Schwab, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. to approve the accounts payable for March. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to approve the finance report for March. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hugh Caffery joined the meeting at 4:07pm and continued as Chairman.

Mr. Ben Malbrough reported that we are still siphoning at the Pump Station around the clock in an energy saving mode.

Mr. Malbrough reported that on March 15, 2020, the stay-at-home order was issued and explained the safety measures that were put in place for all BLFWD employees that are essential to operations.

Mr. Malbrough reported the updates to the Pump Capacity Improvements Project (PCIP). The Archaeological and Architectural report was submitted to the USACE last month and we have received their feedback. We are in the process of responding to their comments and will resubmit it to them by the end of next week, with the hope that we will hear back from them by the end of May.

Mr. Malbrough stated that the PCIP project is funded with GOMESA money. With the current state of the oil and gas industry, he met with CPRA and they are still committing to fund the project.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the North Water Control Structure Project. A change order request was issued to increase construction cost by \$26,507.70 due to a crash attenuator required by DOTD, and also to increase construction days by 47 days.

Mr. Malbrough asked that the Board approve the change order for the North Water Control Structure Project.

Moved by Commissioner Donald Schwab, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to approve the change order for an increase of \$26,507.70 in construction cost and an increase of 47 construction days. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Scott Leblanc abstained from vote for change order.

Mr. Malbrough reported the progress on the Weir Removal Project. The Department of Natural Resources will be issuing the coastal use permit this week. Therefore we will be able to go out for bid mid-May.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the Cooperative Endeavour Agreement (CEA) between BLFWD and Lafourche Parish Government to fund the Weir Removal. Lafourche Parish Government has pledged up to \$1,300,000.00 of GOMESA money to fund the construction of the Weir Removal.

Mr. Malbrough asked the Board to approve the CEA (as presented) for the Lafourche Parish Government to fund the Weir Removal Project.

Moved by Commissioner Barry Soudelier, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the CEA (as presented) for the Lafourche Parish Government to fund the Weir Removal Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough asked the Board to approve letting the Weir Removal Project out for bid for construction upon receipt of the Substantial Completion for the North Water Control Structure Project.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. to authorize Executive Director to let out for bid the Weir Removal Project upon receipt of substantial completion of the North Water Control Structure Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ryan Perque gave an update on the Friends of Bayou Lafourche as follows:

- Bayou recreation is up since quarantine
- Making a list of erosion control options
- Nicholls bayou side project expected to go out for bid late summer- early fall
- Received 90k grant for Napoleonville project
- Looking into a kayak kiosk for Nicholls bayou side
- 20 floating docks were donated by the Couvillion Group for future projects

Chairman Hugh Caffery advised there are no public comments.

Mr. Malbrough advised that there is no executive session tonight.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

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Hugh Caffery, Chairman

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Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman